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**STATEMENT
ON
THE FULL FUNDING OF IDEA IN FINAL 2001 EDUCATION BILL
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The Harkin-Hagel amendment, pending before the H.R. 1 Conference Committee, guarantees full funding of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and is critical to the nation's schools and schoolchildren. The Council of the Great City Schools, the coalition of the nation's largest central city school districts, calls on the Conference Committee to adopt the Harkin-Hagel provision in the final version of H.R. 1. The nation's schools and the nation's disabled school children have waited for more than twenty-five years for the full funding of IDEA. There is no legitimate reason for further delay in the guarantee of full funding for the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.